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2 threesomes at T.A. hospital

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Mrs. Rachel Yosef gave birth to three boys, weighing 2.28 kg., 2.16 kg. and 2.12 kg. respectively.

Merchants being canvassed for War Loan

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TEL AVIV. — Teams of volunteers will canvass small businesses here over the next few days to persuade merchants who have not yet subscribed to the Voluntary War Loan to do so. The businessmen have been sent circulars about the loan, mailed by Tel Aviv Municipality clerks on a voluntary basis, on behalf of the Public War Loan Committee.

The Dental Practitioners Association has decided to sign up all its members for loan subscriptions in the amount of one month's earnings. The Shekem staff committee has pledged its employees to subscribe to the loan in the amount of IL1m, instead of IL500,000 as it had decided three weeks ago.

Army's 'voice' now in Africa

TEL AVIV. — The Armed Forces radio network has put up a radio transmitter on the Western bank of the Suez Canal to keep the troops in Africa in 24-hour contact. It was announced here yesterday. The transmitter was put up by technicians of the Army Signals and Electronics Corps.

New 'recommended' prices for frozen beef

By AARON SITNER
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The price of imported frozen beef should now range between IL13 and IL20 per kilo — depending on cut — the Ministry of Commerce said yesterday.

In its first list of "reasonable prices" since the November 4 cancellation of the meat subsidy, the Ministry recommends the following retail prices — those in parentheses are the old ones:

Breast, IL13-IL14 (IL5.50-IL9.50); rib, IL17-IL19 (IL13-IL14); and shoulder, IL18-IL20 (IL13.50-IL15.50). Frozen liver, formerly IL9.75 per kilo, should now be sold for a maximum of IL13.50.

In answer to a question, a Ministry official told *The Jerusalem Post* last night these prices were "recommended, but not official," explaining that the rates are based on enquiries made by the Ministry's Food Division, and informal understandings they had reached with the heads of the country's supermarket chains, the Merchants Association and the Chambers of Commerce.

The only "official" prices promulgated by the Ministry are those of approximately 100 basic grocery items whose maximum resale prices were published in July. Meat and meat products are not included in the list.

Asked what a consumer should do if a shopkeeper asks for prices higher than those "recommended" by the Ministry, the official replied: "Let him find another butcher!"

Not appearing on yesterday's "recommended" price list is sausage and other meat products. However, according to guidelines announced last week, a manufacturer may raise his prices up to two per cent without prior authorization. Beyond that, he must apply for permission to the Price Review Committee.

As for the customary difference in price between imported and locally slaughtered beef, the Ministry repeated yesterday it saw no reason for the continued existence of that differential, which ranged between IL5 and IL10 per kilo.

However, Yitzhak Guttman, secretary of the Jerusalem Commerce Federation, told *The Post* last night that fresh meat has already been raised — by IL2 to IL2.50 per kilo, following an increase of IL1 to IL1.30 in the price of a kilo of "beef on the hoof." Since salable beef represents about 50 per cent of the weight of the livestock, the price increase to the wholesaler is doubled by the time the consumer pays.

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Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Israel's ambassadors to the nine European Community countries have been instructed to express to their host governments this country's displeasure over the statement on the Middle East adopted last Tuesday by the EEC's foreign ministers. The ambassadors are to seek meetings at ministerial level, and point out that the statement perverted the meaning of Security Resolution 242 which is the only accepted basis for Middle East negotiations.

The EEC ministers called on Israel in their statement to put an end to "the territorial occupation which it has maintained since the conflict of 1967."

The Israeli ambassadors' efforts will back up those of Premier Golda Meir who met in London yesterday with European Socialist leaders in an attempt to persuade them towards a more pro-Israel line.

(The headline over the report in yesterday's *Post* of Foreign Minister Eban's attack on the EEC statement should have read: "Eban hits Mart's pro-Arab stand.")

Hoover for better homes

New 'recommended' prices for frozen beef

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The price of imported frozen beef should now range between IL13 and IL20 per kilo — depending on cut — the Ministry of Commerce said yesterday.

In its first list of "reasonable prices" since the November 4 cancellation of the meat subsidy, the Ministry recommends the following retail prices — those in parentheses are the old ones:

Breast, IL13-IL14 (IL5.50-IL9.50); rib, IL17-IL19 (IL13-IL14); and shoulder, IL18-IL20 (IL13.50-IL15.50). Frozen

Brandt urges return of 'occupied territories'

BONN (UPI). — Chancellor Willy Brandt said yesterday that only the return of occupied Arab territory will help bring about a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict.

"A peace settlement requires that occupation will be succeeded by a normal state of affairs, and the normal situation as a rule means that territories go where they belong," Brandt told a radio interviewer.

"If it should come to some revision in this or that place, territorial occupation will be succeeded by a peace settlement, by civilian administration substituting territorial occupation," Brandt said.

'SPIEGEL' ON PRO-ARAB POSITION Scheel's Mideast stand met cabinet opposition

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — West German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel faced strong opposition in the Bonn Cabinet last Wednesday, when he tried to defend the Common Market's pro-Arab Mid-East resolution, the news magazine "Der Spiegel" reports in its latest issue.

"Der Spiegel" claims Scheel tried unsuccessfully to remove Cabinet members from the Common Market's demand on Israel to give up its "territorial occupation" of Arab lands went much too far.

"Spiegel" says Urban Planning Minister Hans-Jochen Vogel argued the European position on the territories was much tougher than any previous U.N. formula. He was seconded by Technology Minister Horst Ehmke and Health Minister Mrs. Katharina Vogel.

The magazine says Chancellor Willy Brandt then intervened, arguing that the territories formula by no means meant Israel must abandon all the occupied lands to the Arabs, and that these areas

could also be put under supervision of the U.N. or similar organizations.

But Scheel who was reportedly irritated, renewed the debate when he asked, "What do the Israelis want with the Golan Heights and the Suez Canal? We Europeans will just send our own people there," an apparent reference to Mr. Scheel's willingness to send European, including West German, troops contingents for a U.N. Mideast peace-keeping force, "Spiegel" writes.

When Mr. Vogel warned it would "undoubtedly have been over for Israel" had it not controlled the occupied areas at the outbreak of the Yom Kippur war, Scheel reportedly countered that "we'll make sure that's secure by creating buffer zones."

"Spiegel" disclosures appeared to support the widely-accepted view here that Scheel, who is also head of the tiny Free Democratic coalition partner in Brandt's Socialist government, is more willing to compromise on Israeli interests for the sake of friendly relations with the Arab states.

Scheel was said to be angered that the German press had misinterpreted the Brussels Mideast text as pro-Arab, and he told his ministerial colleagues that the European proposals left room for "many interpretations."

"Spiegel" says that when the Common Market nine sat down last Tuesday to work out their statement, France's Michel Jobert proposed a sharply pro-Arab text, but that Scheel was more cautious.

He reportedly suggested pulling out a previously unpublished Market plan calling for return of the Arab lands and inclusion of the Palestinians in a future peace settlement.

German socialist: Arab boycott will boomerang

TEL AVIV. — The deputy chairman of the West German Social-Democratic Party and Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, Helmut Kuhn, who is here on a six-day visit as the guest of the Labour Party, said yesterday Arab oil blackmail will eventually prove "counter-productive."

Speaking at a reception held in his honour at Beit Exonera here, Mr. Kuhn said the Arab oil embargo "is an act of terror and we will not yield to it. The Arabs will soon come to realize the real mood in Europe. Not only are they not making friends, but they are arousing anti-Arab sentiment."

Referring to the controversial joint EEC statement of policy on the Middle East, Mr. Kuhn said he and many members of his party were not happy with it, but that he is certain that the document will prove to be "short-lived." As to the shape of any final settlement, he said that he personally — and many others in his party — favoured a settlement "that would free Israel from an arbitrary geography."



Two photos of Israeli POWs in Egypt released yesterday through the Israel Army spokesman's office.



30,000 at London demonstration for Israel

LONDON (INA). — An impressive demonstration of solidarity with Israel which began here yesterday with a crowd of 8,000 to 10,000 gathered at Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park swelled to a crowd of 30,000, according to police estimates.

The number of demonstrators grew as they marched from the park to the Israel Embassy where Britain's Chief Rabbi, Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, offered prayers for the security of Israel and the peace of the world. Heading the march were the Chief Rabbi; Sir Samuel Fisher, president of the Jewish Board of Deputies, and veteran Jewish Socialist Parliamentarian Lord Shinwell and Lord Janner, both in their eighties.

After the demonstration at the embassy, during which a message from Prime Minister Meir was relayed on loudspeakers, its leaders went to the Churchill Hotel and handed Mrs. Meir a message pledging solidarity and support for Israel.

While Mrs. Meir attended a meeting of the Socialist International at the Churchill Hotel, a pro-Arab demonstration of about 100 people was held outside the hotel, mostly by students. The meeting inside went on undisturbed.

'Getty's ear' sent to Rome paper

ROME (Reuters). — Forensic experts yesterday examined a human ear received through the post by a Rome newspaper to establish whether it is the right ear of the missing grandson of American oil millionaire Paul Getty.

The mother of 17-year-old Paul Getty III, Mrs. Gail Harris, is almost certain the ear is that of her son. The right ear and a lock of hair were sent inside a plastic bag in an express letter with a note saying further parts of Paul would be sent if a ransom was not paid within 10 days.

Tekoaah tells U.N. Egypt killed two truce observers

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — U.N. Ambassador Yasser Tekoaah said on Saturday that two U.N. truce observers who died at their post east of the Suez Canal on October 5 were "killed by the Egyptian Army as it began its aggressive attack on Israel."

In a letter to the Security Council, Mr. Tekoaah also said that Egyptian authorities had refused to hand over a body found with the observers. He said the third body might be that of an Israeli liaison officer, missing since the same date.

The U.N. has not announced a cause of death for the two observers, French Capt. Georges Banse and Italian Capt. Carlo Olivieri, whose bodies were reported found a week ago yesterday.

In a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, Egyptian Ambassador Sami Abdel Meguid accused Israel of preventing the Red Cross from moving wounded soldiers of the Egyptian Third Army and keeping food and medical supplies from reaching the wounded and from the city of Suez.

Red Cross meeting passes resolution critical of Israel

TEHERAN (AP). — A resolution expressing concern over the "immense sufferings of the civilian population in the occupied territories in the Middle East" was passed on Saturday night by the 22nd conference of the International Red Cross.

It was tabled by Arab delegates who accused Israel of "naked aggression" and "barbarous treatment of Arabs."

Israeli delegate Dr. Joseph Kott objected to the resolution and accused the Arabs of bad faith in introducing it. At the opening session, the delegates from 121 countries were urged to refrain from raising ideological issues.

The U.S., Britain, France and Singapore abstained in the vote on the resolution, which was carried overwhelmingly.

The resolution blamed Israel for not applying the Fourth Geneva convention, relating to the protection of civilians in time of war.

One of the aims of the conference is to amend the Geneva Convention to ensure better protection for war victims, including civilians.

Red Cross convoy to Suez hospital

GENEVA (Reuters). — A Red Cross convoy carrying urgent medical supplies has reached Suez hospital inside the beleaguered Egyptian garrison town, it was announced yesterday.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said two lorries made the journey from Cairo. Another convoy, of 12 lorries, reached Suez last week, a spokesman said.

The statement did not give details of the journey. But a dispatch from Cairo Saturday said the convoy — carrying ether, oxygen, morphine, penicillin, tetracycline, plaster, catgut and silk — was halted at an Israeli checkpoint near Suez at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Dr. Edwin Spigel, the veteran Red Cross commander of the mercy mission, said then he had been told by his Cairo headquarters that the Israelis had failed to get permission for the convoy to enter the town. He said he had been advised to return to Cairo and try again yesterday.

PROTEST AGAINST JAILING OF PRIESTS Spanish church militants end 20-hour demonstration

MADRID (UPI). — More than 100 Roman Catholic militants, among them nuns and priests, yesterday ended a 20-hour occupation of the Vatican Embassy in support of seven imprisoned priests. Police who had been guarding the building let them disperse without making arrests.



King Hussein stands at extreme right, while new Cabinet ministers take their oath of office on Saturday following a Cabinet reshuffle. The six ministers from right to left are: Fakhri al-Rikabi, Bahjat Talhoum, new Chief of Royal Court; Adnan Abu Odeh, new Minister of Justice; Baha Eddine, Royal Court Minister; Sheikh Abdu Aziz al-Khayyat, new Minister of Religious Affairs; and (taking oath) Fouad Kakish, new Minister of Municipal Affairs.

U.S. ambassador Eilts arrives in Egypt

CAIRO (AP). — U.S. Ambassador Hermann P. Eilts arrived yesterday to become the first American Ambassador to Egypt since the Six Day War.

Eilts is an ambassador by virtue of his previous rank of ambassador, not due to any new Senate confirmation. The U.S. diplomatic mission here heads in the old U.S. Embassy compound, but it remains literally under the flag of Spain.

Eilts, 51, is not subject to Senate confirmation until full diplomatic relations are restored. Under the agreement announced during Kissinger's visit, and only some five hours after Kissinger and President Anwar Sadat met for three hours and agreed they were "moving towards peace," Egypt and the U.S. agreed "in principle to resume diplomatic relations at an early date."

Eilts said yesterday: "My arrival today... reflects the firm belief of my Government that a continuing constructive high level dialogue between the U.S. and Egypt will further the objective of forging a durable structure of peace in the Middle East." He said in a brief arrival statement distributed to newsmen at the airport.

"I am also happy that my arrival coincides with the agreement that Secretary Kissinger has helped arrange between Egypt and Israel to solidify the cease-fire and to

Sadat meets Arafat

BEIRUT (AP). — President Anwar Sadat conferred yesterday with Palestinian terrorist leader Yasser Arafat who arrived earlier in the day, the official Lebanese news agency reported.

A member of the central committee of Al Fatah, the largest Palestinian terrorist organization, Hayel Abdel Hamid, attended the meeting, the agency said. The brief statement gave no further details.

MINI-CIVIL WAR Governor quits, Bhutto accepts

RAWALPINDI (AP). — Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto yesterday confirmed that he had accepted in principle the resignation of the governor of the troubled province of Baluchistan, where guerrillas are fighting a mini-civil war against the Pakistani Army.

He told newsmen he accepted the resignation on Saturday evening, after a meeting with Governor Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti.

Bugti gave him a letter detailing his reasons for resigning. But the Prime Minister said he would not disclose them now.

Bhutto said he had asked Bugti to remain at his post until alternative arrangements could be made.

Tito in Kiev: seeks role in Mideast talks

BELOGRADE (Reuters). — Yugoslav President Tito is expected to press for a continuing role for non-aligned countries in Middle East peace negotiations when he begins talks today in Kiev with Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev, informed sources said here yesterday.

The 81-year-old leader decided on his surprise journey to Kiev to stress his concern over the need for a long-term solution for peace in the Middle East, the sources added.

His hurriedly-arranged trip to the Soviet Union is only his second outside Yugoslavia this year.

In a commentary on the visit, the Yugoslav News Agency Tanjug said the talks would be "intensive and all-embracing." The commentator described the four-day trip as unofficial, friendly, and having a "working character."

Observers here believe President Tito — one of the founders of the non-aligned movement — may be questioned by Mr. Brezhnev about non-aligned tactics in the U.N. Security Council last month, which caused embarrassment to Moscow.

Hussein visits Oman, Qatar

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — King Hussein made another visit of Arab capitals yesterday, ending in a week, starting his tour of Oman, then Qatar, and the Gulf oil states of Bahrain.

Apparently filling in for Tuesday's round of talks in Saudi Arabia, the Emir of Bahrain, the Emir of Kuwait and King Fahd was also expected in Bahrain.

He arrived in the Qatari Doha, late in the afternoon, for a three-hour visit to Qatari talks on Middle East peace with its ruler, Sultan Qaboos Sa'id.

Talks with the Qatari Emir, Sheikh Khalifa Bin al-Thani, were understood to begin soon after his arrival.

Makarios in Latakia

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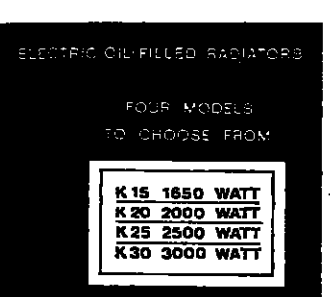
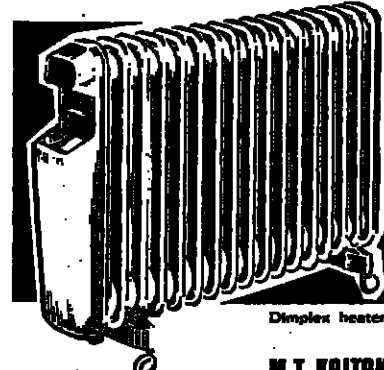
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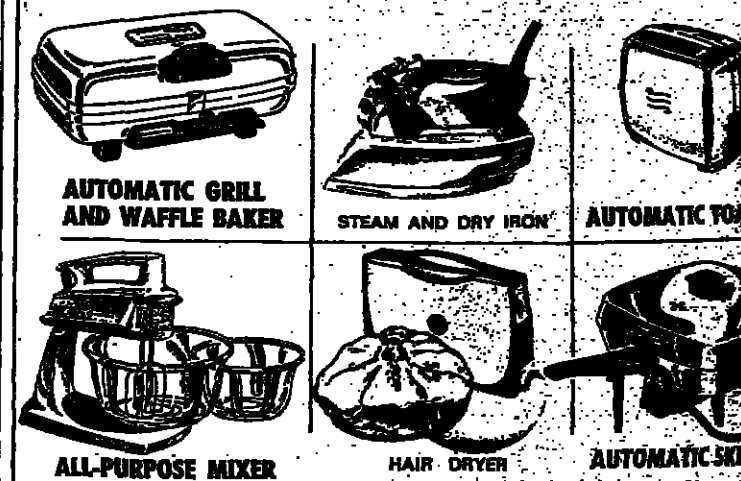
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farmers reluctant to ow fields, buy chicks

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Agriculture Ministry
is visiting farmers
the country, trying to per-
them of the importance of
their fields and renewing
poultry flocks to keep up a
flow of agricultural produce
markets in the months to

A Matkovitch, adviser to the
Minister, told The Jeru-
Post that farmers have been
to buy chicks or plant
because of the "uncertain-
prevailing since the out-
of the October 6 war. But,
the Ministry was working
along this difficulty — as
the technical problems of
art and manpower.

AVIV STOCKS

SHARP UPSWING

VIV. — Heavy demands on
stock market yesterday caused
the index to rise sharply. Some 23
shares quoted "buyers only."
The index of share prices rose
more than 11.2m. The
index of share prices rose
per cent to stand at 261.61.
300,000 shares of Bank Le-
were demanded and it rose
to 279.5 and 147,000
were traded. Similarly,
CDS shares were demanded,
a rise of seven points to
2,000 shares changed hands.
Registered was sought to the
of 42,000 and was up 10
to 160. Finally 32,300 shares

main real estate shares
"buyers only" — ILDC at
161, Rasco at 87.5

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The Fruit Production and Market-
ing Board revealed that, despite the
war, they had managed to market
almost the same amount of fruit as
they did last year. The Board
marketed 16,300 tons of fruit for
local consumption during the month
of October this year (compared to
17,700 in October 1972), as well as
16,500 tons for export and industrial
purposes (compared to 21,000 tons
in October 1972). A slight drop in
demand made up for the smaller
quantities of fruit on the market.
The Fruit Production and Market-
ing Board has promised to continue
supplying large quantities of apples
and pears from cold storage until
next year's harvest. There are large
quantities of fresh dates on the
market, they added, and there are
also forecasts for large quantities
of avocados and bananas this season.



Druse workmen repairing the Mt. Hermon strongpoint. "Stovepipe" on left is a ventilation pipe. (Ronnie Hoep)

Exports via Haifa hit their stride

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Exports through Haifa
port, which were almost suspended
since the war with the exception of
citrus fruit have been resumed and
have swung into high gear over the
weekend. By yesterday, loading of
exports was over 80 per cent of the
normal level, but the export of
agricultural produce has not yet
been resumed.

The goods exported since Friday
included 600 tons of steel pipes, 600
tons of plywood, 800 tons of citrus
juice, 400 tons of groundnuts and
200 tons of general cargoes to Bri-
tannia, France and Germany. For the
first time since the war, a freighter
sailed for Cyprus, taking 400 tons
of general cargo.

Another ship loaded 500 tons of
frozen citrus juice and 600 tons of
general cargo to Scandinavia. A
shipment of 300 tons of synthetic
clothes and 700 tons of chemicals
were loaded for shipment to South
America.

On the other hand, continuing
transport difficulties are slowing
down citrus exports, despite the
mobilization of the railways to help
bring the fruit to the port. Citrus is
now being loaded at a rate of only
35,000 cases a day, one-third of the
scheduled rate. However, Ashdod
harbour, which was not due to start

handling exports before Christmas,
has started to do so because the
fruit from Gaza and the South can
be more conveniently shipped from
there. Ashdod is loading about
50,000 cases daily, so that the back-
log totals about 20,000 cases daily.

Yesterday, the port was again
able to work at almost full speed,
thanks to a slight easing in the
transport situation. Port Manager
Yitzhak Rahav told The Post. The
management acts to coordinate the
use of trucks from the West
Bank to help out the port. The
arrival of 60 trucks with their
drivers, which were due yesterday,
has been delayed, and the ship that
is bringing them is now expected to
get here by the middle of the
week.

Key industry men said still not released

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The president of
the Manufacturers Association met
yesterday to discuss the fact that
12 days after Finance Minister
Pinhas Sapir promised to intervene
with the military authorities to re-
lease 1,000 "key personnel in in-
dustry," not one had been re-
leased. The promise to "release
the men who work in 500 plants,"
was made by Mr. Sapir to Mark
Moore, president of the Association.

It was pointed out that unless
these key personnel, who work in
a variety of plants including those
producing for the Defence Forces,
were released in the near future,
"work in many departments in
plants would grind to a halt."

The president further complained
that the transport problem was
worsening. Although Melchior
provided trucks — often after a few
days delay — it would send these
vehicles without high sides, thus
forcing the truck to make two or
three trips, instead of one.

MIFAL HAPAYIS turnover fell
from 111.1m. in September to
116.7m. in October. One of its four
scheduled October lotteries was can-
celled.

Dollar falls in Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Lillienblum respon-
ded yesterday to a feeling that the
Israeli economy could withstand the
pressure on it in the future
and the dollar subsequently fell to
about 11.45 from 11.80 at the
end of last week.

Contributing to the drop were,
the Lillienblum brokers say, several
other factors: firstly, there is a
plentiful supply of dollars around
(the brokers believe they are being
funnelled through the diamond mer-
chants), few Arabs from the ad-
ministered areas turned up to buy
some slight speculative talk about
devaluing the Israeli pound seems
to have disappeared.

A kilogram of gold sold yester-
day for about 115,850, down from
116,300 at the end of last week.
The DM was 111.58.

Building priority for newlyweds, immigrants

Jerusalem Post Staff

The transport and labour-short
building industry will give top
priority to completing flats for young
couples and immigrants, the Finance
Ministry has announced. The de-
cision was reached on Friday at
a meeting of Finance Minister Pin-
has Sapir, Housing Minister Zeev
Sharef, and heads of contractors'
organizations and building unions.

It was decided to ask the Army to
release vehicles and key building
men from active service in order to
ease the current situation.

The Housing Ministry Director-
General said in an Army Radio in-
terview broadcast Friday that the
Ministry would give first call to re-
pairs on war-damaged houses.

Speaking on the same pro-
gramme, Avraham Ofer, head of the
Habitat's Shikun Ovdim building

firm, said that only 20,000 of Israel's
pre-war building force of 80,000
were now working and they were
handicapped by the severe shortage
of transport.

Mr. Ofer said a quarter of the
90,000 flats under construction could
be ready in another three to four
months — a delay of a month or
two. Another 20,000-25,000 were half
finished and would require nine
months' more work, providing the
industry revives within a month.

The big problem would be the flats
scheduled for completion in 1975, he
said.

Shikun Ovdim will not levy late-
ness charges against called-up men
who are buying the firm's 50,000
flats for young couples, he added.
But the Government will have to
come to the young couples' aid if
prices are to be maintained, Mr.
Ofer said.

Record electronics exports by Taiwan

TAIPEI. — Nationalist China has
exported over \$33m. worth of elec-
tronic products during the first
eight months of 1973, it was re-
ported here. This represents an in-
crease of 62 per cent over the cor-
responding period last year.

Parts and sub-assemblies account-
ed for 52.3 per cent of these ex-
ports.

The Industrial Development Bu-
reau said the increased exports in-
dicates that Taiwan's electronics
industry has come of age.

(China News)

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WAR CHANGES ECONOMY ISRAELIS FACE PROBLEM OF NEW CONDITIONS

Taxes and prices have been raised
because our economy is going to be
different — and the real problem is how
we can manage this changed economy,
even if the war costs are duly paid,
writes The Post Economic Editor
MOSHE ATER.

There can be no "business-as-usual"
in the hard times ahead.

LAST week's spate of taxes and price increases
has been labelled by Mr. Sapir as "the last phase
of Stage One in financing the war." If the military
bill continues, no more levies are expected to be
imposed until the 1974-75 budget is tabled in about
three months.

Not all the effects of Phase One have been fully
felt as yet. Retailers still have stocks at their dis-
posal which must be sold at the old prices. Some
price hikes — for example, a 20 per cent rise in
the cost of water — are still to be implemented.
And it will take a few weeks before company and
family spending is affected by the higher prices
and fuel rates, as well as by the income cuts of
the War Loan. Nevertheless, now is the time to
look at the situation we are facing.

Strictly speaking, the expression "paying for the
war" is incorrect. The War Loan, the cuts in sub-
sidies, and the additional taxation are expected to
add about 11.4,000m. to the State revenue in the
course of the next 12 months. But the war has
been financed without waiting for the money to
come in, and the defence effort has not been limited
by considerations of proper budgeting.

A major part of the cost has been underwritten,
for the time being, by the U.S. government, which
provided us with the crucial military hardware on
loan terms. Substantial cuts in the Government
budget have been made possible by world Jewry's
undertaking to shoulder important social and devel-
opment programmes, which we cannot afford in
the current circumstances. The impact of war on
our economy has not been confined to resources
paid for by the Government. The empty hotels, for
example, and the building contractors stuck with
half-finished projects, are losing heavily, and their
losses are not included in the war costs.

Fiscal impact

What Mr. Sapir had in mind was only the
war's fiscal impact. The new revenue is expected
to cover a substantial part of the cost. But not all
of it. If the fiscal impact were the only problem
we were facing, we could now rest more or less
content. It is obvious that the new economic
measures will hurt.

The compulsory War Loan will cut the disposable
incomes of employees by seven to nine per cent,
and of self-employed (and companies) by more
than that, because they will have to speed up the
advance payments. The voluntary loan will deduct
another two to four per cent in most cases (larger
contributions will probably be financed from capital
accounts). And the reduced income will have to
meet a price level upped by three per cent (if not
more), until this is offset by the January C.O.L.
allowance.

However, one must bear in mind that living
standards at home, as well as at work, have ad-
vanced markedly in the course of the past few years,
so that the new burden will in most cases create
a setback to standards of, say, the beginning of
1972. Indeed, the drop is likely to be less than
that, and only slightly felt, for social cases and
for the well-to-do will get an extra allowance.
The well-to-do will be inconvenienced somewhat
more, but not dramatically.

Even if the screw is somewhat further tightened
— for example, by abolishing the remaining food
subsidies or by introducing a V.A.T. next year —
we shall still be living much above our means.
If we can finance a war for survival by no more
than that, we ought to be happy.

Unfortunately, matters are not so simple — for all
the importance of finance, money is not the crucial
factor in war time. The above calculation takes for
granted that we shall go on producing and consum-
ing, earning and trading as before, only paying
somewhat higher taxes and prices. But this patently
is not going to happen. Taxes and prices have been
raised just because our economic activity is now
going to be different. And the real problem is not
how to shift purchasing power, but how to shift
physical resources — manpower, equipment, pro-
ductive activity — in accordance with the new
pattern. The state budget — whether balanced or
not — must be a means to this major end.

Bigger share

Israel's economy will now be different mainly
on account of the bigger share of the GNP that
will have to be devoted to defence. Moreover,
there is no gainsaying that the growth rate of
our economy will be reduced, at least in the near
future, so that we shall have less spare resources
to play with (as we have done in the past two
years, when over 40 per cent of the GNP in-
creasingly was used for bettering private life).

This point must be kept in mind, although for
the time being there will be no shortage of foreign
currency. Thanks to the reserves accumulated

before the war, and to the aid we get from over-
seas, we still have the means to complement the
local supply by massive imports, and there is con-
siderable pressure to proceed that way so as to
avoid shortages and revert as soon as possible
to "business as usual." However, it is easy to
see that this would be an ostrich-like policy.

In recent years we have been spending one-and-
one-third times as much as we were producing. The
foreign trade deficit — including invisibles — ac-
counted for 15 to 20 per cent of our aggregate
spending. In 1972 it topped \$1,000m. In 1973 it
would have topped \$1,500m. This included defence
imports — military procurements abroad and im-
ports of raw materials for local production of de-
fence items — to the tune of about \$700m. a
year. The massive airlift of American arms must
now be added to these figures, which are substan-
tial even by international standards (incidentally,
Israel's foreign trade deficit is bigger than that
of the USSR). But while we may be able to
finance these vast trade gaps — for the time
being — this will not solve the problems we are
going to face in balancing our home economy,
for it is here that the defence effort is keenly felt.

Doubled cost

In 1966 defence expenditure in local currency
accounted for seven per cent of our GNP. The
Six Day War increased this to 10 per cent. Dur-
ing the War of Attrition it advanced gradually
to 12.5 per cent in 1971. However, since then it
was allowed to decline to nine per cent of the
GNP before the recent flare up, i.e. to about
11.5,000m. a year. It stands to reason that next
year it will be double that, due partly to a
bigger call-up of reserves even after the end
of the current contingency conditions, and partly
to larger orders placed with local industry (mainly
for replacement of stocks depleted by the fight-
ing, but also for additional supplies). Since the
GNP is unlikely to grow by more than 3 to 5 per
cent — i.e. hardly any increase at all in per capita
terms — such an increase would mean that de-
fence will account for 15 to 18 per cent of the
GNP total, i.e. we shall have to divert in it up
to eight per cent of the home output, say,
11.5,000m. worth of goods and services currently
used for other purposes.

In order to evaluate the difficulty involved in
this shift one must remember that private con-
sumption accounted for about 45 per cent of our
GNP in 1973. Should even consumption per capita
drop by a full 10 per cent, which would be a lot,
the consumption total will decline by at most half
as much (because of population increase and spe-
cial treatment of hardship cases). As a result it
will release only a fraction of the resources re-
quired for boosting the defence effort.

Where is the rest to come from? Hardly from
public (non-defence) consumption. Nor from ex-
ports, which must be maintained even against
heavy odds in order to keep the economy viable.
The only alternative is to cut the investment
volume, which accounted for about 18 per cent
of local resources. On the face of it this ought
not to be too difficult because many of our invest-
ment projects were neither urgent nor essential.
However, in practice this is likely to be far from
easy, because the new circumstances also require
much new investment in expanding transport
facilities, adjusting factories to new lines of pro-
duction, retraining workers, urgent repairs, etc.

One consequence of the above reasoning is to
put in question many of the attempts currently
made to revive housing activity. It is clear that
this would provide welcome employment for build-
ing workers released from the army, that it would
be greeted by the contracting firms and their
clients, and that it would also stimulate ancil-
lary trades and industries. But the question is:
Can we afford such a course? Should scarce trucks
and workers be put at the disposal of building
projects which can be delayed or be directed to
the forthcoming citrus season or to moving es-
sential supplies stuck in harbour warehouses or
to plants unable to produce defence items or
export goods for lack of labour?

Spending cut

Secondly, this reasoning implies that our policy
ought to be aimed at a substantial reduction in
private consumption even though both firms and
families are likely to oppose this. A 10 per cent
cut in consumption spending may not be too hard,
but it is by no means certain that it will be
achieved. Since the low-income groups are to be
spared, the required cut must be bigger for the
rest. The high-income groups are likely to main-
tain consumption by reducing savings. While many
incomes drop, some will rise as a result of the
increased defence spending. The trade unions
insist on maintaining the C.O.L. allowance, on re-
negotiating the collective wage agreements, and on
payment of unemployment benefits to non-in-
sured jobless. Firms squeezed by lack of custom
are given credits which are freely spent and add
to home purchasing power. All of this is well-
meant, but if continued is bound to result in a
growing shortage of commodities and of labour,
which cannot but slow up the economic adjust-
ment we need.

Last, but not the least, the above reasoning
assumes that our GNP will continue growing,
even though by only half as much as previously
expected. However, that growth is by no means
assured. It will require tremendous effort to over-
come the difficulties caused by bottlenecks result-
ing from the war. It will depend on hard work,
on high morale and on the readiness of both workers
and executives to move to new jobs and new
projects.

NO NAKED LADIES

Every Little Crook and Nanny
(Orly, Tel Aviv) is a pleasant co-
medy which, if not hilarious, has
some amusingly absurd situations
and, for a change, no naked ladies.
The plot is rather convoluted but
basically it deals with the way a
couple of ordinary folk manage to
outwit a Mafia boss.

Miss Poole (Lynn Redgrave) giv-
ing a polished performance) runs
a school of etiquette and classical
dance. She is evicted from her pre-
mises by Mafia henchmen and when
she goes to see boss Gammucci (Vic-
tor Mature, who has not been seen
on the screen for a long time) to
claim compensation, in a case of
mistaken identity she is engaged as
nanny to his 12-year-old son. An
aggressive young woman, she de-
cides to kidnap her charge for ran-
som. Her accomplices is her school's
piano player, acted by Arthur Pen-
dleton in a manner too obviously
modelled on Woody Allen.

Based on a novel by Evan Hunter,
it has been directed with spirit by
Cy Howard who made the deligh-
tful "Lovers and Other Strangers."

Lost Horizon (Studio, Tel Aviv)
is a modernized, musical version of
the James Hilton novel which was
very popular some 30-odd years ago
and was first made into a film by
Frank Capra in 1937.

Director Charles Jarrett ("Anne of
the Thousand Days") has gathered
together an all-star cast including
Peter Finch (the "hero"), Brit-
tish diplomat Richard (Worway), John
Gielgud, Liv Ullmann (totally mis-
cast), Sally Kellerman, Michael
York and veteran Charles Boyer, but
the characters are so unconvincing
that even their talent does not help
to give them life.

The opening, with Conway super-
dancing the evacuation of refugees
fleeing from a revolution in South-
east Asia, is lively. But after their
plane crashes in the Tibetan moun-
tains and they are rescued by Chang
(Gielgud), an Oriental gentleman
who studied at Oxford, who escorts
them to Shangri-La, the whole thing
becomes too silly for words. Only
Conway's journalist brother (Mi-
chael York) has a certain reality.
There are lots of what I am sure
are very costly "special effects" but
they are far from impressive and
Shangri-La itself emerges as a bor-
ing rather than a soul-satisfying
sort of place.

Burt Bacharach's music does not
contain a single appealing melody
and in any case the sudden burst-
ing into song by various of the
characters strikes yet another in-
dicrous note.

THE comic talent of Lando Buz-
zanca seems to be wearing thin
in The Senator Likes Women (Ben
Yehuda, Tel Aviv), the second of his
films to reach Israel this year —
the first was the big box-office suc-
cess "The Viking Who Came From
the South."

Public inquiries, not private answers

WE have now been assured of three things concerned with the imperfect working of the army before and during the Egyptian-Syrian attack launched against us on Yom Kippur.

First, there is to be a government-sponsored inquiry into alleged errors and shortcomings, apparently of a semi-public character. Second, the army will institute its full-scale inquiry, similar to — but perhaps more exhaustive than — that carried out not only after every war but after every action, in order to record the results and study success and failure.

They will inquire, specifically, into the intelligence material available before the war and the conclusions drawn from it or rather, not drawn from it, i.e. that there was a danger of immediate war, into the question of whether there was adequate preparedness in general, and whether the right steps were taken when it began to be suspected that there might be an attack; aspects of the quick recovery made by the army after it had suffered in the surprise attack; and the planning and structure of the Canal front.

There is a huge amount of material within these general fields and their subdivisions, and it seems hardly possible for much headway to be made with the inquiry until the current high state of all the forces can be reduced considerably.

Army circles are known to feel that the extraordinary degree of secrecy maintained by the Egyptians concerning their intention was so uncommon as to go some way to explaining the general failure to recognize

the preparations on the other side of the Canal for what they were: the last step to war. To ensure this secrecy, even high-ranking Egyptian officers were not told of the approaching war until the last moment, or told only to prepare for an exercise.

Also, that preparedness on our side in a surprise attack obviously cannot reach the high degree of completeness that is possible when we ourselves have set the zero hour.

It is understood that results of the inquiry will be made public as they become available. Much of this material, concerning numbers and locations of men and equipment will of course also be needed for the other, non-military inquiry, as the members who make up its panel have no means of gathering these facts for themselves. Of course they will probably wish also to interview individuals on either facts or the conclusions drawn from them.

Satisfactory inquiries that can put an end to speculation and rumour, and also apportion blame — and praise where it belongs, cannot be produced overnight, and the public will have no choice but to be reasonably patient. We may all be relieved, however, by the announcement that a full stop has been put to the spate of public arguments by senior military officers called back for reserve duty and so far removed from the habit of military discipline, unity and even discretion as to take their grievances to the public. Whatever their merits in the field, they have caused almost incalculable harm to morale on the home front.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS Debate on conduct of war

Ha'aretz (Independent) complains of the debate over the conduct of the war being conducted in the foreign press by high-ranking Israeli officers. Such a debate, at least in wartime, should be confined to the military authorities, and the fact that it has been brought out into the open indicates a slackening of military discipline. This could bode ill for both the IDF and the entire country.

Davar (Histadrut) says "the cease-fire agreement is vague at times — and not merely by chance. Dr. Kissinger's assumption was apparently that the very agreement on principles might hasten detailed discussions. Israel is interested in such a process and will contribute her bit for a positive prospect. But there is no call as yet for optimism."

Ha'aretz (National Religious) also says that there may be many a slip between the signing of the six-point agreement and its implementation, and that it may be assumed in advance that there will be differences of opinion regarding many details.

"The considerations which induced the parties to agree to a cease-fire, however, are also likely to determine details. The protracted political struggle will now commence,

in anticipation of negotiations under the auspices of the powers, and the Israel must prepare to stand firm in this struggle."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) says: "The Israeli public will welcome the first settlement between Israel and Egypt, and we view the agreement as holding out a prospect for non-resumption of hostilities. The very occasion of the signing indicates a new opening in relations with Egypt. At the same time, though, hopes should not be exaggerated."

Omer (Histadrut) stresses that from Israel's point of view, an essential condition is the exchange of prisoners: "If this article is not implemented, Israel will deem herself free to prevent passage of the supply convoys to the Egyptian Third Army and to the town of Suez."

Hamaadia (Agudat Yisrael) asks whether Israel would be prepared willingly to forgo the military advantage secured by her in the field in return for the doubtful prospect of a peace conference. "It is difficult to answer this with any certainty. However, we must be prepared for various concessions should it transpire beyond any doubt that the Egyptians are indeed prepared to make peace with Israel."

America's recipe for peace THE KISSINGER LOGIC

By ERWIN FRENKEL Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — HENRY Kissinger is said to be euphoric over the chances of establishing peace in the Middle East. His logic goes something like this:

Israel's military success means another political defeat for the Russians. It spurs Sadat to mend his fences with the U.S. as the only way of achieving his political aim — Israeli withdrawal from the 1967 borders.

At the same time, the painful blows inflicted upon Israel in the war also mean a softening of Israel's resistance to the need for territorial concessions to avoid future bloodshed and more concretely, unprecedented dependence upon the United States.

The peace recipe is completed by adding the big power ingredient. Both the U.S. and the Soviet Union have an overriding interest in achieving stability in the Middle East. Without it, détente is endangered, something which neither Mr. Nixon nor Mr. Brezhnev can afford, and nuclear confrontation looms starkly real.

To assure that the logic of peace would take hold, Kissinger first had to button down the Moscow cease-

fire agreement. To this he bent all his energies, dangling incentives before the Arabs and visions of catastrophe before Israel.

Renewed war, Kissinger told the Arabs, would mean destruction of the Third Army and perhaps the Second Army as well. (The winter mud on Golan would make it a one-front war favouring Israel.) Defeat would thus erase Sadat's war gains and endanger his regime.

Moscow pact

Cease-fire, on the other hand, with the promise inherent in the Moscow pact, held clear prospects not only of assuring Egypt's presence on the east bank of the Suez Canal, but also of a more substantial Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

And here a few words about America's unchanged position on Resolution 242 or perhaps a reference to Dr. Kissinger's public statement on October 26 could offer Sadat further encouragement:

Our position is, said Kissinger, that the conditions that produced this war were clearly intolerable to the Arab nations, and that in a process of negotiations it will be necessary to make substantial concessions.

Even without mentioning Israel, the intent was clear. And Kissinger also gave a broad hint of the compromise technique required: "The problem will be to relate the Arab concern for the sovereignty over territories to the Israeli concern for secure boundaries."

For Israel renewed war was pictured with appropriate prophecies of doom. Destruction of the Third Army could change nothing. On the contrary, it could invite Russian intervention. And the United States would not and this time, unlike the Soviets, it could not fight on Egyptian soil. After all, it could not declare war on Egypt.

Moreover, war would only deepen — if that were possible — Israel's isolation. Japan, all of Europe, let alone Africa, would be arrayed against it. Oil pressure was proving effective. Americans too — already being asked to supply Israel with more than three billion dollars in arms — would perhaps find this less and less tolerable with each closing petrol station.

When Prime Minister Golda Meir arrived in Washington, these arguments and ideas lurked in the background. The immediate problem was more specific: Egypt's encircled

Third Army. The Russians demanded that the United States agree, that Israel must withdraw to the October 23 cease-fire line. The Moscow agreement was based on that line. Fresh news, so the argument went, would not have agreed to the resolution as worded had he known at the time that the geography of the cease-fire would be different. The United States, committed to its word in Moscow, would have to deliver Israel.

Mrs. Meir's achievement in her talks with Dr. Kissinger was to distinguish between withdrawal to October 23 and the question of guaranteeing non-military supplies to the trapped Third Army.

Israel accepted the principle of withdrawal, she said, but in practice an agreed line could only be drawn in direct discussion with Egypt. The generals could do. Meanwhile the Third Army could be fed in exchange for the prisoners and lifting the Bab el-Mandeb blockade, without prejudicing Israel's control of the sea routes — the only real assurance that food and water, not Sam 6 missiles, would be conveyed to Suez City.

The very specific and technical nature of Mrs. Meir's talks with Dr. Kissinger was not really first. Newsmen and pundits, out from information, among subject was the scenario of negotiations, not merely the maps near Suez. Only when it was remembered that Mrs. Meir was in her own Foreign Ministry that she was not prepared, or wrongly, to delegate largely technical negotiations to the United States to Mr. Meir's talks here fall into perspective. Dr. Kissinger might have been about the ultimate end product of the Yom Kippur War. But immediate question that had answered was where and what Israeli forces could inspect the supply trucks and when Israel's squares would be released.

Neither Dr. Kissinger's range pictures of gloom, nor Mrs. Meir's first cautious away from war, emerged a combination of an old woman's firmness, arrayed against hopes and Kissinger's smiling journey.

PERSONAL OPINION by David Landau Why criticize Sharon and not Bar-Lev?

THE knives are being sharpened, it seems, against Aluf Arieh Sharon. His interview with "The New York Times," in which he accused the Army high command of not understanding in time the significance of his Suez Canal crossing, and of leaving him for too long without reinforcements, has drawn a stinging statement from the Chief of Staff that speaks of "biased and one-sided descriptions which serve only for personal enhancement" (yesterday's Jerusalem Post).

There have been calls, too, for Sharon to be fired from the army, and an official announcement that the Attorney-General is "looking into" the interview.

The question that arises is: why Sharon and not Bar-Lev?



Bar-Aluf Haim Bar-Lev (left) with Aluf Ariel Sharon in July, 1973.

On the same day — Friday — that Sharon's interview was carried by "The New York Times," Rav-Aluf (res.) Haim Bar-Lev published a signed article in "Ma'ariv." In it he argued here, inter alia, that Zahal's basic defensive strategy (which he had moulded as Chief of Staff) was valid and correct — but that faults and failures on that fateful Yom Kippur had resulted in the Egyptian successes.

He wrote that criticism of the Bar-Lev Line was unwarranted. Its advocates had never intended the relatively few strongholds strung out along a 160 km. line to hold back an invading army. There were supposed to have been look-out posts between them to detect an attack immediately. And there were supposed to have been tank and artillery concentrations behind them to stop short any attempted crossing. But these had been inadequate. Bar-Lev wrote that he was certain that the army would investigate the circumstances and causes of its unpreparedness and would never be caught "in such a terrible posture" again.

What is implied here is a vindication of Haim Bar-Lev, Chief of Staff from 1968 to 1972, his military conceptions, his strategy, his policies. The rider to this, inevitably, is a condemnation of those in charge of defence affairs on October 6, 1973.

Now it may well be that Rav-Aluf Bar-Lev is right (just as it may be that Aluf Sharon is right too). Nobody will know for sure until there has been a full-scale inquiry into the war. But the rights and wrongs are not at issue. The question is: why is Sharon's interview seen as objectionable while Bar-Lev's apparently is not?

Of course, the strictly formalistic answer is that Sharon spoke out while still in uniform, while Bar-Lev had been demobbed four days earlier and was back at his desk as Minister of Commerce and Industry. But this distinction is false, and Bar-Lev's offence is no less serious than Sharon's.

It is true, formally speaking, that

Sharon, because he was still in uniform, was subject to Zahal regulations which strictly forbid granting unauthorized interviews. Sharon offended against these regulations, and his offence was inexcusable, despite the whispering campaign against him which seemed to have originated within the General Staff. The rumours were launched in several directions: he had crossed too early, he had crossed too late, he had advanced without orders, he had failed to carry out other orders. My insurance agent, a veteran of the paratroop corps, was able to inform me unhesitatingly that Sharon would be court-martialled for mutiny the day the war ended.

But if Sharon's behaviour in speaking out while still a serving General was inexcusable, Bar-Lev's similar behaviour as a Cabinet Minister (and as a senior General only four days out of uniform himself) was no better.

Formally speaking again, a Minister is not subject to Zahal regulations. But for a Minister to cast veiled aspersions at the fellow-Ministers (in this case the select group who control defence policy), and for a Minister who was formerly the Chief of Staff by implication to accuse generals in the field (and perhaps his successor as Chief of Staff) of faults and failings which have not yet been proven by a competent inquiry — surely this conduct is no less inexcusable, no less reprehensible.

(Bar-Lev, in an interview in "Yediot Aharonot" yesterday, termed Sharon's granting an interview to "The New York Times" a "serious act which I don't suppose Zahal will be able to ignore." He said the interview was one-sided, warped and tendentious.)

Readers' letters

HOW TO TREAT THE ENEMY
 To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — With reference to the several recent letters criticizing our humane treatment of enemy wounded, feeding of encircled enemy forces etc., I would like to submit the opposite point of view which, incidentally, is maintained by Macabee Dean in his report, "Civilians' finest hour" (November 5). If we must fight wars forced upon us by an uncivilized enemy, let us, for the sake of our conscience and dignity, not stoop to his methods, or there will be little moral justification for our insistence on survival.

THE KIMCHE
 Kibbutz Revivim, November 5.

QUEUES IN BRITAIN
 To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — Apart from the money being raised in England by Jews and non-Jews alike, I thought your readers might be interested to know that, at Stamford Synagogue, it takes four hours to queue in order to donate blood for Israel and yet everyone is queuing cheerfully, more than willingly, and in a straight line!

SARAH NYGATE
 Beersheba, October 23.

CANCEL ORDER IN BRITAIN
 To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — I think that the time has come for us to place economic sanctions on Great Britain until she drops her arms embargo. To remember that we place substantial orders with British yards some little while back, jobs to thousands of Britishers at shipyards that were the main source of income for the British with closure. Perhaps a sudden stop that we might cancel orders, and place them with shipyards might do the trick.

MT. ZION
 Tel Aviv, October 31.

CONTROL OF OIL
 To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — This country should pay the idea that oil, and the oceans, does not belong to any individual or country. The oceans are concerned, a common control of these miles should be shared. There are not too many nations on claim ownership. Truly, these nations are not willing to share their resources, and get off their knees and claim control of oil by the whole world.

YHOSEHEL BEN GAT
 Rehovot, October 27.

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